GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3442
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2000
TRAWLERS TO FISHERMEN
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for providing trawlers to fishermen for fishing in the high seas near Mumbai Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Deep Sea Fishing Policy has been rescinded after a government decision in 1996 that no new permits are to beissued in deep sea fishing. Since then no permission has been given either by Joint Venture, Lease, or by Charter.The Government have constituted an Expert Group forformulation of a Comprehensive Policy for Marine Fisheries under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Gopakumar, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Group is expected to submit its report shortly. Further action will be finalised after receipt of the recommendations of this Expert Group.